

CRAWFORD AVALANCHE.

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NEWS ON THE WEEK.

MICHIGAN.

William Gilbert of Lake township, Huron county, a young married man, took a dose of salts prepared by his wife, and died in ten minutes Monday night. He had been ill for some time, and had both of his legs cut off.

There will be held at Big Rapids, Mich., on Wednesday, November 5, 1879, a competitive examination of applicants residing in the Ninth Congressional District of Michigan, who may desire the appointment as cadet to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

What is alleged to be petroleum oil has been discovered in Rosemonon county, and court judge pronounces it genuine.

The salt product for August was 245,822 barrels, the largest for any month in the history of the manufacture in this State.

A seven-year-old son of Henry Ames, of Capac, St. Clair county, fell from a steed and either by his wife or his father, John B. Gilmer, physician pronouncing it typhomine.

Lewis Morse, a young man residing near Grand Blanc, while at work Friday afternoon around a threshing machine, was knocked down and fatally injured by the slipping of the belt.

Burton V. Smith, stenographer, was drowned in Lake Michigan at Port Sherman Friday evening while swimming with a party from Muskegon.

The grape crop in the vicinity of Monroe will be about three-fourths of an average crop this year. It is considerably affected with rot.

The college term at Olivet opens September 18, and at Albion the same date.

The next term of the Supreme Court opens at Lansing October 7.

Two barns and their contents, with outbuildings, belonging to E. W. Tiefenthal of Allegan, were burned Thursday. Loss \$3,000. Partially insured.

The postmaster at Whitefield says that a man known as killing potato bugs here by thousands.

The mangled remains of a man were found on the Canada Southern Railroad track in Lodi, Monroe county, on the 25th. No clue as to whom he was or where he came from.

The reunion of the Eighth Michigan volunteer infantry was held at Wixom Friday, in a pleasant grove just outside the village. There were present 120 members of the infantry and 75 relatives.

The Michigan M. E. Conference meets at Angier, September 10. Bishop Bowman presiding. The Michigan Conference meets at Ionia the same day. Bishop Foster presiding.

The fall term of the Orchard Lake Military Academy begins September 18.

Mrs. Thos. Evans, of Muskegon, who had been sick with fever for a week, slipped out of the house early Saturday morning while delirious and went to the central wharf, jumped into Lake Muskegon and was drowned. Her body was found an hour afterward floating on the surface.

The following are the receipts and disbursements of the State Treasury for the month of August:

Balance July 31.....\$283,506.25
Receipts during August.....89,256.21
Disbursements for August.....115,627.34
Balance on hand August 30.....675,183.68

Friday night while Fred Waite of Dayton, Tuscola county, was returning from Caro, two men stopped his team in the road and compelled him to deliver to them \$500, all the money he had, which he had been watching since the money belonged to the school district, of which he was treasurer.

The reunion of the Twenty-third Michigan Infantry will be held at Flint October 6.

Mr. Hubbard, who lives near Ypsilanti, will have 100,000 bushels of oranges this year. He will extract the seeds from 4,000 bushels, for Ferry's seed house.

There were \$10,000 worth of buildings, farm implements, hay, grain, etc., destroyed by fire on Senator Chandler's farm August 21 upon which there was no insurance. The property destroyed consisted of a large barn, stable and out-buildings, a pig sty, sawmill, a house, 100 feet square, a schoolroom, 300 bushels of wheat, \$200 worth of grass seed, horse rakes and other farming implements.

A Scotchman named Thomas Boyd and a lad named Ingram were drowned in Lake Michigan Saturday evening about three miles south of St. Joseph.

George Silver, a farmer living in Rensselaer township, Eaton county, was fatally shot Monday morning by a stepson named Albert Allen.

Regent Chas. Rynd was married Monday evening, in the presence of a few intimate friends of the family, to Jessie D. only daughter of Paul A. Reed, Esq., of Adrian.

Albert Savage, a ten-year-old son of James Savage of Niles, was drowned Sunday, while bathing in the river at the time of the Regent Rynd's marriage. Monday afternoon William B. Cogswell, an employee on the Chicago & West Michigan Railway, fell a distance of thirty feet from a bridge, striking his head on a timber, from which in injury it is thought he must die.

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WEDNESDAY SEPT. 10, 1879.

FOR PRESIDENT

OF THE UNITED STATES.

IN 1880.

ZACHARIAH CHANDLER,

OF MICHIGAN.

THE WRECKED PROPELLER.

The Loss of the Propeller, Bertsche on Lake

Huron—Captain McGregor's Version of

the Affair.

From the Saginaw Herald.

The steamer Evening Star reached

Detroit on Saturday night about 11

o'clock, having on board the passen-

gers and crew of the ill-fated propeller

Bertsche, which was wrecked off Grind-

stone City, lake Huron, on Thursday

night. They left Grindstone City on

the steamer Saginaw at 6 o'clock Fri-

day evening, but were transported to

the Evening Star at Port Huron. As

Capt. McGregor stopped ashore he was

to whom he gave the following state-

ment:

CAPT. M'GREGOR SAID.

The Bertsche left Bay City at three

o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the

face of a stiff breeze, which was be-

coming a gale when they put in at

Tawas, where they remained Wednes-

day night. She continued her trip on

Thursday morning, and had just pa-

rted Port Austin when the gale became

so furious that she was obliged to put

back to Port Austin. When the wind

changed the vessel continued her course

That was about 7 o'clock Thursday ev-

ening. "We were getting along fair-

ly," remarked the captain, "until the

vessel sprang a leak. We took to the

pump and beat all our energies to

stopping the leak. But it was no use.

The water gained on us very rapidly

and about 10 o'clock I headed her for

shore. At this time it was pitch dark,

the rain was pouring in torrents, and

it was blowing a hurricane. It was im-

possible to see any distance, but I

knew we were off Grindstone City, and

I endeavored to beach her between the

two docks. I knew if I could do that,

that I could get the passengers ashore

and save the cargo, if not the boat.

But we got very close to shore before

I obtained the exact bearings. By

this time the water, which had broken

over us for some time, had put out

the fires. I called to the engineer to

keep her going 10 minutes longer, but

it was no use.

We saw that the Bertsche must go

to pieces, and the next thing to do was

to make an effort to save the passen-

gers and the crew. The majority of

the passengers were ladies, and I never

saw more brave or cool headed women

in my life. They behaved much bet-

ter than the men. We launched a

boat about 10 o'clock, containing the

ladies and four men. But no boat

could live in that sea, and she capsized

very soon. The men clung to the

sinked boat until we carried ashore.

When morning came the boats from the

life-saving station arrived. The

life-saving crew made four trips and

succeeded in getting every soul on

board safely to shore. We were cared

for by Wallace and Green, the agents

for Worthington & Sons at Grindstone

City. They done everything in their

power for us, and made us as comfort-

able as possible during our stay.

I regard the Bertsche as a total

wreck. She lies at present on her star-

board side in about nine feet of water;

about 300 feet from the dock at Grind-

stone City. I don't think it will pay

to attempt to do anything with the

wreck."

"What about her cargo?"

"Well the cargo will not all be lost.

There are still about one million shingles

on board which I think can be saved."

"Does \$5,000 cover your insurance,

captain?"

"Yes that is all we had, and it will

be just about sufficient to pay cur-

redebts. We shall pay everything we

owe, dollar for dollar. While I think

of it I want you to thank the Starline

of steamers, and captains Sloan and

McRae for their kindness toward us."

One of the passengers, Miss Buckley

of Memphis, complimented Capt. Mc-

Gregor for the kindly manner in which

he looked after the wants of his pas-

sengers and commented him for his